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 Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a ___ continuation-in-part XX continuation ___ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior application, Serial No. 09/093,131 on June 8, 1998 of Manilal S. Dahayanake, Jiang Yang, Joseph Y. Niu, Paul-Joel Derian, Ruoxin Li, and David Dino for VISCOELASTIC SURFACTANT FLUIDS AND RELATED METHODS OF USE

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CLAIMS AS FILED, LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELLED BY AMENDMENT BELOW				
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3. ___ Cancel in this application original claim(s) _____ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
4. XXX A copy of the declaration is enclosed.

5. ____ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: ---
This is a ____ continuation, ____ division, of application serial no.
_____, filed _____

6. **XXX** The prior application is assigned of record to: **Rhodia, Inc.**

7. **XXX** The power of attorney in the prior application is to:
Charles N.J. Ruggiero

- a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
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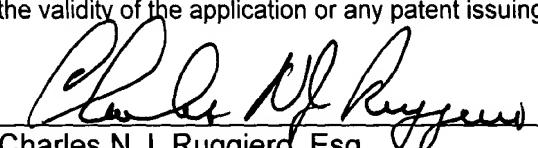
8. **XXX** A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment
have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following
the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)

9. **XXX** Priority of U.S. Application Serial No. 60/049,045 filed on June 10, 1997,
U.S. Application Serial No. 60/054,455 filed on August 5, 1997 and U.S. Application
Serial No. 09/093,131 filed on June 8, 1998 are claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120;

10. ____ I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior application
serial no. _____ as originally filed on _____

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true
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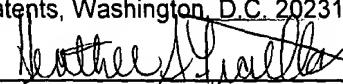
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